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SUBJECT: EC-9 APPROACH TO 30TH UNGA SESSION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB. WHITE FEB 14, IRISH PERMREP KENNEDY SPOKE OF EC-9 APPROACH TO 30TH UNGA SESSION. EC-9 GROUP HERE IS PREPARING AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE 29TH UNGA, THE REASONS FOR IT, AND CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN FOR THE 30TH.

2. THE STUDY, WHICH SHOULD BE FINISHED SHORTLY AND SENT TO CAPITALS, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF EC-9. IT POINTS OUT THAT THE 30TH UNGA WILL SEE A DIRECT CONTINUATION OF THE PRESSURES AND TENSIONS GENERATED IN THE 29TH. IT CONSIDERS THE PERFORMANCE OF EC-9, WHETHER COORDINATION COULD HAVE BEEN IMPROVED, AND IF SO HOW. (ONE POSSIBILITY UNDER CONSIDERATION IS HAVING A HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY HERE IN NEW YORK.)

3. THE STUDY CONCLUDES THAT EC-9 SHOULD BE BETTER PREPARED THROUGH COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION WITH MODERATE FORCES (BOTH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND MORE TEMPERATE OF LDC/NAG) WITH WHOM PRE-AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED. THEY ARE FULLY AWARE THAT A EUROPEAN AS PRESIDENT (NOW PRESUMABLY THORN OF LUXEMBOURG) WILL

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FACE AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SITUATION UNLESS BETTER

GROUNDWORK CAN BE LAID AHEAD OF TIME TO AVIOD
CONFRONTATION WITH LDC/NAG. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WOULD
BE A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT HAMBRO RULING, REPEATED BY
THIS PRESIDENT, WOULD BE OVERTURNED BY AN ASSEMBLY
VOTE.

4. AS BRIDGES TO THE MODERATES, EC-9 ARE THINKING
BOTH OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OF THEIR TIES WITH 46
MEMBERS OF ASIA, CARIBBEAN PACIFIC GROUP OF FORMER
DEPENDENCIES, WITH WHOM THEY RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREE-
MENT ON PRIMARY COMMODITIES AT LOME.

5. AMB KENNEDY ALSO MENTIONED HIS OWN CONCERN THAT
THE GREAT POWERS MAY BE LOSING INTEREST IN THE UN, IF
PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUE. HE CITED NOT ONLY THE US --
WHERE IN HIS OPINION THE SIGNS OF SLACKENING AND
INTEREST AND PULLING BACK ARE STRONG -- BUT ALSO THE
USSR AND CHINA. HE FURTHER ALLUDED TO WHAT HE TERMED
FRG DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE UN, THE FEELING THAT THEIR
INTERESTS HAD NOT BEEN WELL SERVED SINCE JOINING, AND
THAT THE GDR HAD GAINED A VALUABLE FORUM. HE ALSO
CITED DISENCHANTMENT OF IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN FRG
PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT WITH FINANCIAL BURDENS OF
THE UN, GIVEN ITS CURRENT DIRECTION, AND DREW PARALLELS
TO DEVELOPMENTS IN US.
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